

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The assembly in accordance with Claim ~~±~~ 13, ~~wherein~~ the fixture ~~(7)~~ further comprises comprising:

a profiled section ~~with~~ comprising a first resilient retaining ~~legs (9)~~ leg and a second resilient retaining leg; and
a mounting plate;

wherein the first resilient retaining leg and the second resilient retaining leg protruding protrude upwards from ~~a~~ the mounting plate ~~(8)~~ for the purpose of receiving the clamping extension ~~(6)~~ of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~; i

wherein ~~with~~ the mounting plate ~~(8)~~ extending has a first extending portion, all of the first extending portion extending beyond the second resilient retaining leg ~~(9)~~ on the side of above the ~~lower~~ second floor surface ~~(3)~~; i and

wherein the mounting plate bearing forms part of the clamping seat (11) for the compensating strip (10).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The assembly in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the clamping seat ~~(11) for the compensating strip (10) consists of~~ of the fixture further comprises one a seat retaining leg (12);

wherein the compensating strip comprises a longitudinal groove; and

wherein the seat retaining leg engaging engages in one the longitudinal groove (13) of the compensating strip (10).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The assembly in accordance with Claim 2, wherein ~~the widened part~~ the first extending portion of the mounting plate ~~(8) that extends beyond the retaining legs (9)~~ comprises a first predetermined breaking point; and

wherein the first extending portion of the mounting plate can be separated from the remainder of the mounting plate (8) by means of a at the first predetermined breaking point.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The assembly in accordance with Claim ~~1~~ 13, wherein the covering flange ~~(5)~~ of the profiled cover ~~(4)~~ forms further comprises an abutment ~~(14)~~ for the compensating strip ~~(10)~~;

wherein the abutment is located on the a side of the clamping extension ~~(6)~~.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Device~~ The assembly in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the clamping seat comprises a seat retaining leg;

wherein the compensating strip comprises a longitudinal groove; and

wherein the seat retaining leg engages in the longitudinal groove of the compensating strip;

wherein the compensating strip ~~(10)~~ is subject to resilient pretensioning by the seat retaining leg ~~(12)~~ ~~of the fixture (7)~~ ~~forming the clamping seat (11)~~ such that ~~it~~ the compensating strip lies against the abutment ~~(14)~~ of the covering flange ~~(5)~~.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): Method for the production of a profiled cover and at least one compensating strip for a device for bridging a difference in height between two floor surfaces in accordance

with Claim 1, wherein firstly a common profiled section (15) is produced, the cross-section of which is constituted by the cross-section of the profiled cover (4) and at least one adjoining compensating strip (10), including machining allowances (16) for kerfing (17, 18) on the underside of the covering flange (5) on the one hand and on the lateral surface of the clamping extension (6) on the other, with the compensating strip then being separated from the profiled cover (4) by cutting along the underside of the covering flange (5) and the lateral surface of the clamping extension (6).

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein a common profiled section (15) for a profiled cover (4) and two compensating strips (10) provided for either side of the clamping extension (6) is produced before the compensating strips (10) are separated by means of one cut each along the underside of the covering flange (5) and each lateral surface of the clamping extension (6).

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the common profiled section (15) is firstly coated on the surfaces of the profiled cover (4) and the compensating strip (10)

or compensating strips (10) that will subsequently be visible and then the profiled cover (4) and the compensating strip (10) or compensating strips (10) are separated.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the profiled section (15) is cut along the underside of the covering flange (5) and then coated if the coating material is applied in droplets to the subsequently visible sides of the profiled cover (4) and the compensating strip (10) or compensating strips (10) before the profiled cover (4) and the compensating strip (10) or compensating strips (10) are separated from each other by a cut along each of the lateral surfaces of the clamping extension (6).

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the cut along the underside of the covering flange (5) of the profiled cover (4) runs at an acute angle (α) to create an undercut with respect to the covering flange (5).

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): A method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the kerfs (17, 18) of the cuts along the underside of the covering flange (5) and along the lateral surface of the clamping

extension (6) only overlap for a section of the kerf widths.

Claim 13 (New): An assembly comprising:

(a) a first floor surface having a first height;

(b) a second floor surface having a second height;

(c) a profiled cover comprising a covering flange and a clamping extension;

(d) a fixture comprising a clamping seat; and

(e) a compensating strip;

wherein said first height is greater than said second height;

wherein the covering flange extends above the first floor surface and above the second floor surface;

wherein the clamping extension protrudes downwards from the covering flange and extends longitudinally with respect to the profiled cover;

wherein the clamping extension engages with the fixture by clamping;

wherein the compensating strip sits between the covering flange of the profiled cover and the second floor surface so that the covering flange is supported via the compensating strip on the

second floor surface; and

wherein the compensating strip is clamped into the clamping seat of the fixture.